Shortage of high ranking institutes

1209. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in international ranking of institutes of higher education, we have significantly fewer institutions listed in the top 500 in the world than China and even Israel and Singapore;

(b) the reasons for the shortage of such institutes; and

(c) the plans for improvement in the quality of higher education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no internationally accepted survey of institutes of higher education.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Coverage of Mid-day meal in Jharkhand

1210. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools in Simdega and Gumla districts in Jharkhand are not covered by Mid-day meal scheme;

(b) how many tribal children are deprived of Mid-day meal because they don't study in Government schools or aided schools as per his Ministry; and

(c) the names of the schools where tribals don't get Mid-day meals alongwith the number of tribal children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information furnished by Government of Jharkhand, 38 and 57 non Government schools in Simdega and Gumla districts respectively are not covered under Mid-day Meal scheme.

(b) 1294 and 4298 tribal children enrolled in non Government schools in Simdega and Gumla districts respectively are not covered.

(c) School names are not maintained in the Ministry.